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MURDERED IS VERDICT

Tho Shotgun Indicates Suicide

Complete Mystery
Veils Tragedy

Mrs. R. E. Davis was found dead in her home east of here Sunday about 1 p. m., by her son, J. L. Dame, who had returned from a trip to So. Pittsburg. She had been shot and the gun with which the deed was committed was lying across her body. She had two fingers of left hand around gun barrel, and the other hand held a small limb from a quince bush which was still pushed against the trigger of the gun. The stick, which had been broken from a small quince tree in the garden, had a fork in it, the limbs being severed by a knife.

Mrs. Davis, when last seen, was in the farm lot the night before attending to her dairy duties, and as the cows and calves were together next morning in the lot, so it is supposed the deed was committed Saturday night. There were no tracks around the quince which gave a clue as to whether Mrs. Mrs. Davis got the branch with design of self destruction, but it is the opinion of many that murder has been committed.

On discovering the body of his mother, Mr. Dame immediately came to Sequachee and Coroner McCullough was summoned, but no decision was reached, in default of evidence.

Mrs. Davis, who has been married twice, lived with her son, J. L. Dame, about two miles east of here, on what is considered one of the finest farms in Marion county.

The coroner's jury met at Jasper Tuesday morning for further investigation of the case. A verdict of death from the hands of some unknown party was brought in. A great many witnesses were examined before verdict was rendered, including J. L. Dame, son of the murdered woman, who spent Saturday night at So. Pittsburg.

Interment of the remains of Mrs. Davis was made at Sardis Monday afternoon.

SAYS "NOTHING STARTLING"
(From the Boston Globe)

Senator Harding says nothing startling—is furthest from his desire to startle the country. His purpose is rather to soothe. He would calm those who are worried. To those who scan his words searching for challenges it will be an unexciting hunt.

HOUSEKEEPER NEEDS THE VOTE

Ballot Is Necessary to Protect the Home Under Changed Conditions.

WOMAN'S VOICE IS NEEDED.

Housekeeping today is not what it used to be.

One hundred years ago our great grandmothers spun the cloth and made the clothes for the family. They employed the family cobbler for a week at a time, who made shoes for the year from leather cured and tanned on the premises. They baked the bread, churned the butter, cured the meat, and made the candles; in short, housed under their roofs all the activities that ministered to the necessities and comforts of the family. Today all these processes are carried on outside of the home. The shoes are made in factories, the clothes go through the sweatshops, the meat is cured by big companies, the bread is made at the bakeries, and the butter comes from the creameries.

Instead of living in houses open on all sides to the sun, we have the tenement house; instead of water directly from a well or spring, we have piped water; instead of the simple problem of letting the small amount of garbage decay in the sun, we have the vast problem of a city's disposal.

All of these matters of food, clothes, housing, water and garbage are subject to legislation. The state has taken the place of the parents. The question of regulation of all of these matters so vital to a housekeeper is one of collective opinion, expressed by the ballot.

Many Blackberries Ganned in Bledsoe

The Pikeville Canning Co., under the management of S. H. Blackburn and G. W. Bagwell has just finished their canning of the blackberry crop this season and have ready for market something near 35,000 cans of fine berries. A majority of these are already sold to wholesale jobbers will be shipped as soon as the work of labelling is finished which will be inside of a few days.

Heretofore the blackberries of this section, or most of them, have been allowed to go to waste on the vines, but this year the price of 35c a gallon paid by the cannery for this delicious fruit made the work picking profitable and hundreds of dollars were paid out to the men, women and children of this section which would have ordinarily have gone to waste.

The cannery is now getting ready for the tomato crop and it is expected that they will can more this year than ever before.

This industry in our midst is a great advantage to our people and should have every aid possible in its advancement.—Bledsonian, Pikeville.

After you've convinced a man that he's wrong and you are right he thinks less of you than he ever did before.

Sherman Burnett is ill with malarial fever.

LIFE OR DEATH

By HOWARD N. FULLER
In the New York Sun-Herald

To hope is life, to fear is death,
And life is blissful to the grave,
While cowards scent in June's sweet breath

The noisome odors of the grave.

The hope of life is life in truth,
The fear of death itself is death,
And hope or fear, to age from youth,
Delights or blights each mortal's path.

Hope knows no fear, fear knows no hope,
And earth is heaven to those who trust,
While sunless skies shroud those grope
For wisdom in confusion's dust.

Hope is the ever-flaming star--
The orb of life's supernal seat--
Blazing the trackless spaces far,
To homeward guide faith's eager feet.

The craven fool who daily dies
The hero's one triumphant death
Resigns to fear life's only prize,
And barter heaven for a breath.

BIG PREMIUMS FOR TENN. FARMERS

The Tennessee State Fair in order to encourage better crop producing and greater yields, has offered the most liberal premiums in its Agricultural and Horticultural Departments of any fair in the South. First the County Council of Agriculture, will receive \$600 in prizes—First Prize \$300, Second \$200, Third \$100.

Then comes the Community Club exhibits and the first prize will be \$250, second \$200, third \$150, fourth \$100. For every meritorious exhibit not winners of a prize, will receive \$50.

What better way can be found to exploit the good qualities of a community than through the exhibits at the State Fair.

Last year about twenty-five communities were represented by exhibits and this show was best agricultural display ever witnessed in the South. Other prizes run from \$5.00 to \$100.

Think of it, there is a prize of \$100 for the best 10 ears of corn, second prize \$50, and the third prize \$25. These prizes are offered by Chas. E. Buntin, a seed corn grower of Tennessee.

Again the farmer comes into his own in the Caldwell Special Premiums, offered for stuff right off the farm and professional exhibitors will not have a chance to show their animals in this class. The premiums in this class are: \$600 first, \$500 second, \$400 third, \$300 fourth, and \$200 fifth. 400 animals competed last year and the first prize went to Rutherford County.

The Tennessee State Fair offers \$45,000 in premiums, and Tennessee Farmers should win the bulk of these prizes. Write J. W. Russwurm, Secretary, Nashville, for free premium list.

A. H. Judd, the photographer, of Sewanee, was here Monday, making a brief call on his favorite stream of the section, beautiful little Sequachee River. He paid the News a pleasant call and promised us some photos of this section from his collection.

NECK BROKEN BY FALL

Deputy Sheriff J. D. Turner Meets Death by Falling From Apple Tree.

Wednesday Deputy Sheriff J. D. Turner, aged 32, whose home is near Burke, fell from a tree while gathering apples and struck on his head in such a manner as to break his neck. He lived but a few minutes and did not regain consciousness. He leaves a wife and three small children.

The deceased had been serving for a year or two as deputy under Sheriff Garrison. His efforts in arresting law violators had been very fruitful, he having apprehended quite a number of persons on minor charges. He also was a member of the posse that arrested Bob Davis a few weeks ago. He was a cool, courageous officer and never hesitated to discharge his duty. In his death his home community loses a most excellent citizen and the country is out of the services of a splendid peace officer.—Crossville Chronicle.

MILDNESS IS APPROVED

(From the Chicago Tribune)

The Democratic assertion is that the United States has betrayed its trust. That is Wilson's idea. It is expressed in the platform of the party. It holds that the nation has been dishonored by its Senate and will be dishonored by its people unless it enters the League as Wilson demands. Mr. Harding's refutation of this conception of American ideals and tradition is complete and inspiring and it is without bitterness. A great American cannot consider the Wilsonian program and statements without bitterness but Mr. Harding's defense of the country is the better, because it affirms without criticism of the nation's defamers.

W. M. Christian Dead.

Esq. W. E. Christian, a prominent citizen of the 3rd district, died last Wednesday of blood poison. The deceased was a member of the County Court for years, and an upright citizen.—Mrs. Grundy, Tracy City.

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VALLEY ITEMS

The Pikeville Canning Co. canned 35,000 cans of blackberries, paying 35c a gallon for the berries.

The Whitwell T. C. I. team defeated Palmer 17 to 6 last week. The Dunlap Tribune is now 8 pages 5-columns to page.

Mrs. A. D. Smith of Dunlap, suffered a light stroke of paralysis last week.

Mrs. Sam Brown, formerly of Dunlap, died at Pratt City, Ala., July 6, of paralysis.

Miss Sallie Hamilton of Dunlap underwent a successful operation for appendicitis in a Chattanooga hospital.

The Sequachee Valley Association of Missionary Baptists convened with Ebenezer Church, Bledsoe county, yesterday.

A cable system for telephone wires at Dunlap is a great improvement.

The public schools of Sequachee county opened Monday.

At the Cagle mines near College the coal ranges from 14 to 22 ft. in thickness.

Singing School Started.

Rev. A. R. Burnett started a singing school Tuesday night at the Baptist church and will run it ten nights. He has seventeen enrolled and wants as many more. He doesn't want any visitors now, but will give out the night for visitors to come. We hope more will come in and join. Give Brother Burnett a good class to show to the world we people in Sequachee want to learn all we can about music. Bro. Burnett is a first class music teacher.

Nature Kind to Snake.

A queer African species of snake, which lives on eggs, has a tooth-like spike projected downward from its backbone, just behind the head, which is tipped with enamel. When it swallows an egg the latter passes down the gullet until it encounters the spike, which breaks the shell. Thus no part of the fluid contents is lost as would be the case if the snake were obliged to bite the egg with its mouth-gangs.

Mrs. John Kilgore, of Chattanooga, was here Saturday, visiting her brother, W. M. Burnett.

ALLEGED MURDER OF INFANT

Peculiar Circumstances Regarding a Birth at Victoria Causes Coroner's Inquest.

No marks of violence were visible on the body of an infant, newly born, at Victoria, and a coroner's jury, summoned Sunday, were nonplused over a peculiar affair. It seems that J. A. Colston, a miner, married a girl named Moore, of Bledsoe county, about six weeks ago. He works at Whitwell and on returning from work was refused admittance to his home. After some delay he got into the house and found his wife there and a dead baby, just born. A doctor's examination showed that the woman had just borne the child, but why it was dead was a mystery and report spread that it had been murdered. No marks of violence were to be seen, and no verdict of murder was brought in. This is the woman's second child, the first being living. Colston claims he has been kept in ignorance of what was about to occur.

Try Pecans Grafted on Hickory Saplings.

The growing of pecans in Tennessee has been tested out with some degree of satisfaction and profit in some localities and in others with absolute failure, doubtless due in large part to the methods adopted transplanting and cultivation. The grafting method, it is urged, can be used with gratifying results, and is being tried out in section of the state.

On his big ranch in Lewis county which is just being cleaned up, Henry Arch Moore is grafting pecans on fifty acres of hickory saplings. The successful grafting of this favorite nut on hickory saplings has been demonstrated. The nuts come much quicker because the stock is already well advanced, and the tree is much hardier.

Sam G. Deakins, the clever salesman for J. A. Sloan C., of South Pittsburg, was circulating among our merchants first of the week.

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